

Alif - The Fool On The Hill

The ancient astrological system was lunar based. There were 28 Mansions of the Moon and 28 constellations.

These were encoded as energy principles in the Arabic alphabet.

The Alif ("A") emerges from the Hamza's nothingness. It is the first creative impulse, the primal urge to manifest.

The Arabic wisdom tradition cannot be viewed in isolation. Arabia was a cultural synthesis of Sumerian and Egyptian wisdom.

In actuality, all the ancient wisdom traditions were interrelated, but the primary influences were Egyptian and Sumerian.

Egyptian iconography conveyed volumes of information in a picture or two. They were masters of right-brain communication techniques.

One well-known image is that of the Earth God Geb lying on his back with his penis erect. His wife, the Sky goddess Nut, is arched over him like a canopy.

"And we have made the heaven a guarded canopy" (Quran 16:32).

Nut symbolized heaven, i.e., the higher regions of the subconscious, and Geb symbolized Earth (i.e., matter).

The Alif is an abstract depiction of Geb's erect penis. The God's symbolic penis represents the urge to create, the potential to create.

Geb is prone and his member points skyward to Nut to symbolize that the sexual principle is properly intended to propel consciousness to "heaven" (Nut or Samadhi).

The "mating" of Geb and Nut (matter and spirit) creates the energetic principles and forces symbolized as Osiris (Pluto), Isis (Moon), Nepthys (Venus) and Set (Mercury). These are the "children" of the divine couple.

In the Tarot, Geb is represented by the Fool. One of the reasons why Geb was associated with the Fool is because he was cuckolded and one of the goddesses he thought was his daughter, Isis, was not really his. Isis' actual father was Tehuti (Thoth), but this was kept a rather public secret, rather like the fact that President Martin van Buren's biological father was really Aaron Burr.

The fellow depicted on the Fool is a nature boy and Geb rules nature, earth, health, minerals, chi and material resources.

An earlier name for Geb was Seb, depicted as a goose who sat on her eggs. Eggs are often symbols of mantras. The body heat (kundalini) of the goose